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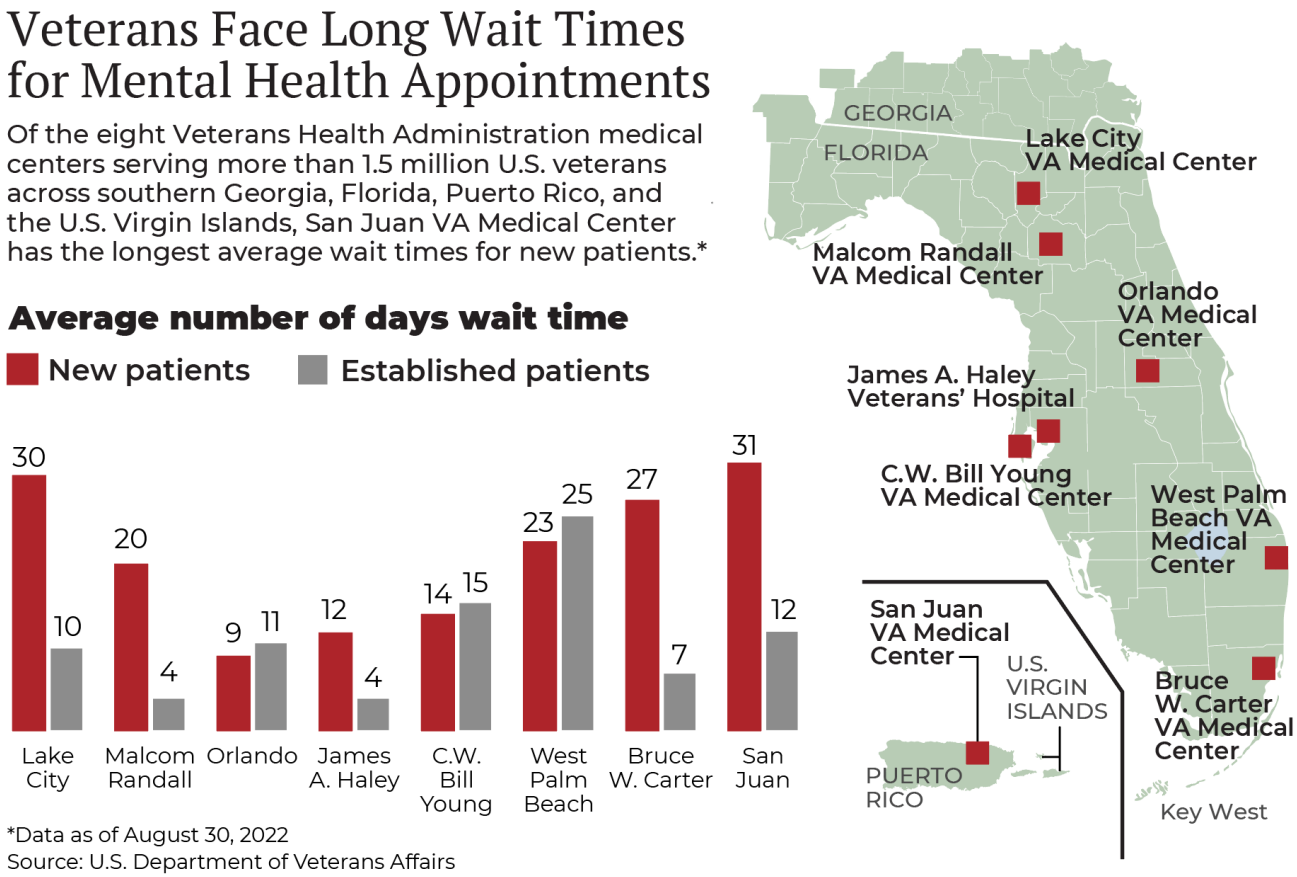

GRAPHIC TEXT:
~~**Average Wait Times for Mental Health Appointments at VA Medical Centers** (CQ_Link)~~

Veterans Face Long Wait Times for Mental Health Appointments

~~Of the eight Veterans Health Administration medical centers (CQ_Link) serving more than 1.5 million U.S. veterans (CQ_Link) across southern Georgia (CQ_Link), Florida (CQ_Link), Puerto Rico (CQ_Link) and the U.S. Virgin Islands (CQ_Link), San Juan VA Medical Center (CQ_Link) has the longest average wait times for new patients.*~~

New intro text
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Average number of days wait time
New patients
Established patients

Bar chart

VA hospital	*New*	*Established*	
Lake City	30	10	(CQ_Link)
Malcom Randall	20	4	(CQ_Link)
Orlando	9	11	(CQ_Link)
James A. Haley	12	4	(CQ_Link)
C.W. Bill Young	14	15	(CQ_Link)
West Palm Beach	23	25	(CQ_Link)
Bruce W. Carter	27	7	(CQ_Link)
San Juan	31	12	(CQ_Link)

Updated Bar chart text

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Map
GEORGIA_(CQ_Link)
FLORIDA (CQ_Link)
Puerto Rico (CQ_Link)
Key West (CQ_Link)
Vieques (CQ_Link)
U.S. Virgin Islands
St. Thomas (CQ_Link)
St. Croix (CQ_Link)

West Palm Beach VA Medical Center (CQ_Link)
Bruce W. Carter VA Medical Center (CQ_Link)

San Juan VA Medical Center (CQ_Link)
C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center (CQ_Link)
James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital (CQ_Link)
Lake City VA Medical Center (CQ_Link)
Orlando VA Medical Center (CQ_Link)
Malcom Randall VA Medical Center (CQ_Link)

*Data as of August 30, 2022
Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (CQ_Link)
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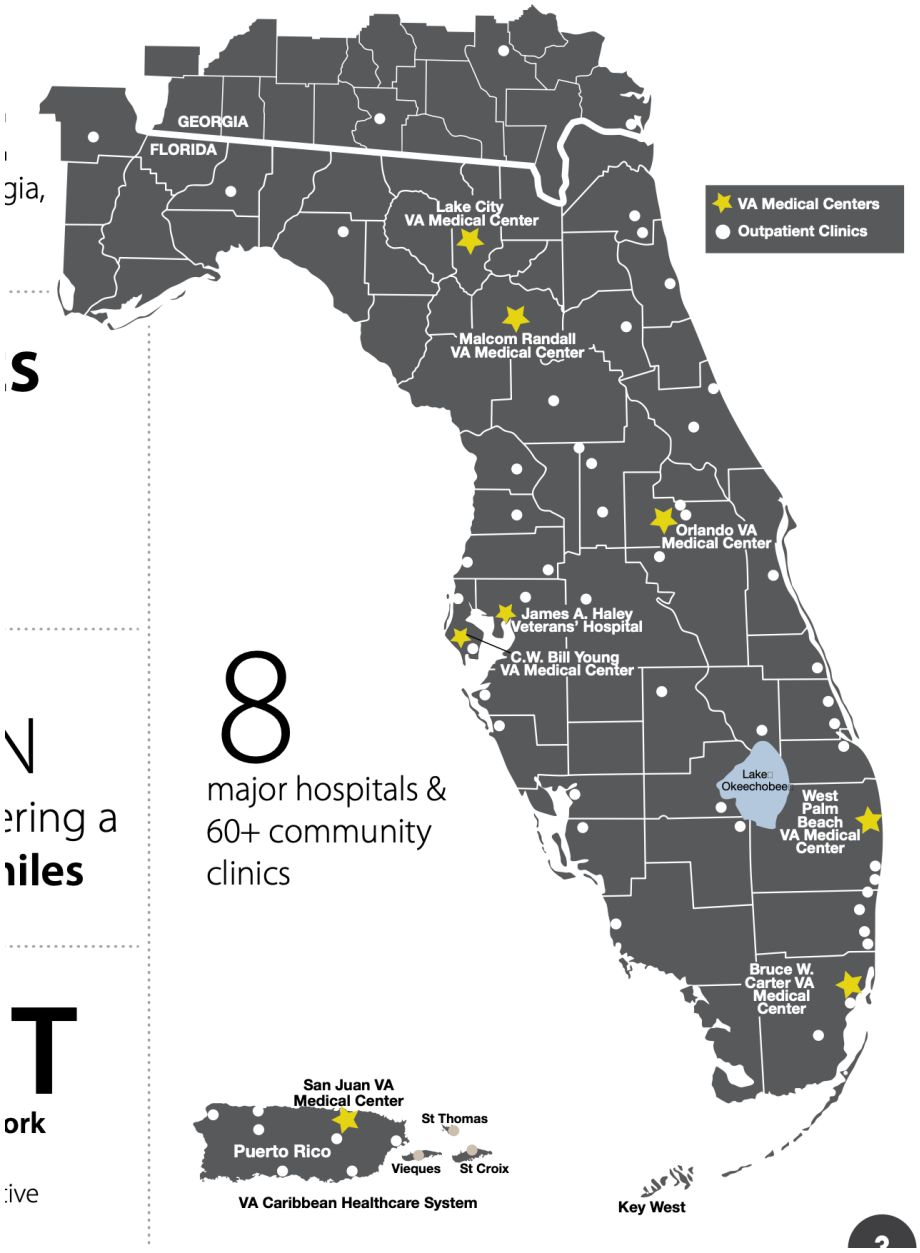
Link to Wait Time Results



MAP OF LOCATIONS & NUMBERS FOR NEW PATIENTS / ESTABLISHED PATIENTS
—James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital (Tampa) - 8 days / 5 days
—Orlando VA Medical Center (Orlando) - 9 days / 11 days
—C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center (Bay Pines) - 17 days / 14 days
—West Palm Beach VA Medical Center (West Palm Beach) - 20 days / 24 days
(seems weird that this is a longer wait than for its new patients - we should check this again later before the story runs)

—Bruce W. Carter Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Miami) - 24 days / 7 days
—Malcom Randall VA Medical Center (Gainesville) - 25 days / 4 days
—Lake City VA Medical Center (Lake City) - 31 days / 10 days
—San Juan VA Medical Center (Puerto Rico) - 36 days / 12 days